

a1 transferring said natural gas from said vaporizer on said vessel to onshore facilities.

[In claim 3, line 1, change "2" to --8--.

[Add the following new claim 9:

a2 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said distance between said first point and said second points is at least about 18 meters.

[Please cancel claims 5-7 and rewrite as following new claim 10:

10. A system for regasifying liquefied natural gas (LNG) aboard a LNG carrier vessel before the LNG is off-loaded as a gas, said system comprising:

storage tanks aboard said carrier vessel for storing LNG during transport;

a3 a vaporizer positioned aboard said vessel and adapted to receive LNG from said storage tanks for vaporizing said LNG back into natural gas; said vaporizer comprising:

a housing having an inlet and an outlet, said inlet adapted to receive seawater directly from the body of water surrounding said vessel and said outlet adapted to discharge the seawater after said seawater has passed through said vaporizer back into said body of water wherein said inlet and said outlet are spaced at a distance sufficient to prevent said discharged seawater from being recycled through said vaporizer;

means for boosting the pressure of said LNG while in its liquid phase before passing said LNG through said vaporizer; and

a transfer line fluidly connected to said vaporizer to transport said natural gas from said vaporizer on said vessel to onshore facilities.

[Add the following new claim 11:

11. The method of claim 9 wherein said distance between said inlet and said outlet is at least about 18 meters.